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SUBJECT: WCRP EFFORTS TO ASSIST INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: (A) SINGAPORE 524; (B) STATE 20568; (C) KUALA LUMPUR
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1. POSTS SHOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO HOMER JACK FOR HIS
COOPERATION IN CANCELLING WCRP PLAN TO TRANSPORT REFUGEES
FROM CAMPS IN SEA TO AUSTRALIA OR GUAM. AS INDICATED REF
B, PERSISTENCE IN THIS PLAN WOULD HAVE CREATED SERIOUS
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DANGERS FOR COORDINATED UNHCR PLAN TO ASSIST THESE REFUGEES.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT PRESENT SITUATION LEAVES WCRP IN VERY
DIFFICULT STRAITS WITH DANGER OF EXTREME REACTION ON PART
OF THOSE REFUGEES NOW ON WCRP SHIPS. THIS, IN TURN, COULD
CAUSE A REVERSAL IN THE DECISION NOT TO PROCEED WITH PLAN
TO TAKE REFUGEES ELSEWHERE. WHILE THIS PROBLEM IS AD-

MITTEDLY OF WCRP'S OWN MAKING, MOTIVATIONS WERE HUMANITARIAN. FURTHER, WE BELIEVE JACK'S INTERVENTION CALLS FOR EQUALLY COOPERATIVE EFFORTS ON PART OF UNHCR AND OF GOVERNMENTS COOPERATING IN UNHCR EFFORTS.

3. FOR BANGKOK AND KUALA LUMPUR: SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS BY UNHCR TO COORDINATE HANDLING OF THESE REFUGEES IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENTS OF MALAYSIA AND THAILAND TO PERMIT THEM TO RE-LAND IN FIRST ASYLUM STATUS. IT CAN BE POINTED OUT THAT USG PROGRAM FOR CE OF BOAT CASES NOW APPROVED AND SOON TO BE UNDERWAY. PRIORITY ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO MOVING THOSE REFUGEES FROM WCRP VESSELS QUALIFIED UNDER EPP, IF GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED WILL ALLOW THEM TO LAND AGAIN.

5. FOR GENEVA: MISSION SHOULD URGE UNHCR TO INSTRUCT REPS IN BOTH KUALA LUMPUR AND BANGKOK TO URGE HOST GOVERNMENTS TO ALLOW REFUGEES BACK IN QUOTE BOAT CASE UNQUOTE LOCATIONS ON THEIR SHORES AND TO CONTINUE EFFORT TO MOVE THESE REFUGEES TO COUNTRIES OF TRADITIONAL RESETTLEMENT.

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